



South Carolina U.S. Army Training Center Fort Jackson

Facility and Location

Fort Jackson was established in July of 1917 with the acquisition of some 22,000 acres of land in Richland County. After the end of World War I, the land was given to the South Carolina National Guard. In 1940, the Army resumed control of Fort Jackson and began expansion of the reservation, increasing the total area to over 52,000 acres.

In June 1973, Fort Jackson was designated as an Army Training Center. As a result of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Actions, Fort Jackson received additional missions and personnel, including the Soldier Support Institute (consisting of the Adjutant General School, Finance School, and Recruiting and Retention School), Chaplain Center and School, DoD Polygraph Institute, and the Drill Sergeant School.

Drinking water in the cantonment area is provided by the city of Columbia. The city of Columbia has two treatment plants and withdraws raw water from both the Broad River and Lake Murray. Operation and maintenance of the cantonment distribution system and all of the well systems has been contracted to Palmetto States Utility Service. Drinking water is purchased from the city of Columbia by Fort Jackson (the water is not owned by the contractor). Seven wells on the installation currently provide drinking water on the ranges and at the Weston Lake Recreation Area.

Media Sampled and Findings

Five Military Munitions Response Program sites were sampled in 2011. The final reports are still pending and specific sampling data is not yet known. The installation will continue to collect samples under the Operational Range Assessment Program in 2012.

Appropriate Actions

Appropriate actions will be addressed following finalization of sampling data.